Diverse Canada Celebrates Lunar New Year

Canada Post welcomed the New Year with three different commemorative releases in January. First up, on January 6, was the seventh release in its current Lunar New Year 12-year cycle. The two stamps commemorate the Year of the Ram—"a time marked by creativity, caring, sensitivity and transforming misfortune into good luck."

The domestic rate stamp (left) showcases three rams welcoming spring, a popular New Year's image at the start of the Year of the Ram, which begins on February 19, 2015 and ends February 7, 2016. An internationally denominated stamp (center) and a souvenir sheet (right) are also available for the newest edition in this popular series.

"Our Lunar New Year issue is a perennial favourite with collectors and consumers alike," says Jim Phillips, Director of Stamp Services. "We're very proud that the many designers who have worked on this issue have managed to balance a series 'feel' while keeping the design fresh and new every year."

The domestic rate stamps are available in a pane of 25 and the international rate stamps are sold in booklets of six. The stamps are also available in an uncut press sheet. They were designed by Hélène L'Heureux at Interaction Design and illustrated by Susan Scott with calligraphy by Ngan Siu-Mui. The series was printed by Lowe-Martin, incorporating foil and embossing. The text on the stamps is in English, French and what Canada Post describes as Traditional Chinese.

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